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From the Evening Post, May 3.

Petersburg, April 12.

THIS not yet publickly known, when the 20 Regiments designed for a secret Expedition, will embark: The greatest Difficulty is in the transporting of Horse to so remote a Place. The Conferences between our Ministers and Count de Rabutin, Ambassador of the Emperor, are constantly carried on, and Mr. Cederhelm, Ambassador of Sweden, is always present at them. At the Conclusion of every Conference, the Baron d'Osterman goes and gives the Empress and Senate an Account of what has been transacted, of which it is impossible for to know any Particular, it being forbid, on pain of Death, or at least of being exiled during Life to Siberia, to speak of State Affairs.

Copenhagen, April 20. All the Commanders of the Troops of this Kingdom, have received Orders to be ready to march about the Middle of next Month; Baggage, Waggons and Tents are providing, and the Officers are preparing their own Equipage.

Hague, May 8. The M. de St. Philippe, Ambassador of Spain, presented last Friday a new Memorial to the States General. Mr. Oliver, who was entrusted with the Affairs of Spain before the said Marquiss's Arrival, has also presented one, and is upon his Departure for Switzerland, with the Character of Resident of Spain.

Hamburg, May 7. On Saturday last the L. Glenorchy arrived here on his Way to Copenhagen.

Paris, May 6. Letters from Germany say, That the Party of the States of the Empire who declare against War, encrease daily; and that some have declared they will not furnish their Contingent towards it. Those from Spain mention nothing of War.

Paris, May 8. Thirty thousand Suits of Cloaths are now making in the House of the Invalides for the Militia. One Day last Week, 5 Fellows dressed like Officers, and wearing the Cross of S. Louis, attended by two Servants, who drove a Cart in which were 3 huge Trunks, went to the House of a Farmer within a League and an half of Senlis, and desired to lodge there; When the Cart was unloaded, a Son of the Farmer happened to strike upon one of the Trunks, whereupon, to his great Surprize, a Voice asked him whether it was Time? who answered, No; and immediately went and acquainted his Father with what he heard, who immediately dispatched a Messenger to the Marshal of the County and his Men; by whom the Non-commission Officers and their pretended Servants were seized, and the Trunks opened, in each of which were found two Men well armed. They were all carried to the Goal of Senlis.

On the 5th last. Mr. Maffey, Ambassador of the K. of Sardinia, made his public Entry here with a very rich Equipage. Mr. Chavigny, Minister of this Crown to the Diet of Ratisbon, is upon his Departure thither.

London, May 3. We hear, that the Half-pay Officers upon the Irish Establishment will for the future receive the same Pay as those on the English Establishment.

Sunday being a Festival and Collar-day, there was a most splendid Court at St. James's; his Majesty, the Prince, and such Knights of the Garter as were in Town, appeared in the proper Ensigns of that most Noble Order; and the Knights of the Bath were also at Court in their Collars, &c.

From the St. James's Evening Post, May 3.

Hague, May 6. M. Le Plat, Secretary of the Embassy of this State at Turin, had Orders by last Post to return home. The Occasion of his Removal from that Office, wherein, to speak the Truth, he has been very diligent and serviceable, is the Change of his Religion, which he has himself signified to their High Mightinesses by a Letter, wherein he has this remarkable Expression, *That at length Heaven has conducted him to the Paths of Truth.*

London, May 3. We hear that near 20 Houses have been discovered, which entertain'd Sodomitical Clubs; besides the nocturnal Assemblies of great Numbers of the like vile Persons, at what they call the Markets, which are the Royal-Exchange, Moorfields, Lincolns-Inn, Boghouses, the South Side of St. James's Park, and the Piazza's of Covent-Garden, where they make their Bargains, and then with-

withdraw into ſome dark Corners to *indorſe*, as they call it, but in plain Engliſh to commit Sodomy. However the *Government* having undertaken the Proſecution of them, 'tis not doubted, but ſtrict Care will be taken to detect them, in order to avert from theſe Cities thoſe juſt Judgements, which fell from Heaven upon Sodom and Gomorrah, whoſe Sons of Perdition, ſo much reſembled by our Engliſh Sodomites in their Averſion to the Female Sex, rejected Lot's Daughters, and luſted after the Angels, believing them to be Men.

From the Poſt-Man, May 3.

Petersburg, April. 16. The Czarina has ordered Prince Menzicoff, to bring to the Neighbourhood of this City before the End of this Month, 30 Regiments of Foot, and 3 of Horſe, which are to ly in Quarters for their Refreſhment till the opening of the Campaign. The Fleet is equipped with the utmoſt Diligence, that it may put to Sea as ſoon as the Waters are clear of the Ice.

Stockholm, April 24. The Miniſters of France, Great Britain and Pruſſia, were Yeſterday in Conference with the Commiſſioners of the Court; but the Count Fretag, the Emperor's Miniſter, has not yet been able to enter into a Negociation with the ſaid Commiſſaries, becauſe he ſtill refuſes to give the Title of Excellency except it be to Count Horn, the Prime Miniſter.

Warſaw, April 26. 'Tis ſaid that the Proteſtant Miniſters have received Orders to leave this Court; but that the King has invited them to ſtay here ſome Time, and gives them Hopes that the Religious Grievances will ſhortly be redreſſed. On the other Hand Pains is taken with the Inhabitants of Thorn, to engage them not to inſiſt upon the Reſtitution of their Church and Schools.

Hamburg, May 3. The 3 Muſcovite Ships which were ſent laſt Year to Spain with Ammunition, arrived in the Sound on the 25th ult. for Petersburg, with Oil, and other Commodities. The Oſtend Company have built two conſiderable Ships here, one of which is already ſailed, and the other will follow in four Weeks.

Conſtantinople, March 18. The Miniſter of Sultan Eſreff is ſtill here, but we are aſſured, that he will ſet out forthwith with a Letter from the Great Vizier for his Maſter, to exhort him not only to depart from his unjuſt Pretenſions, but alſo to quit all his Conqueſts, or that otherwiſe, the Porte would be obliged to redouble their Efforts to oppoſe his Uſurpations, and deliver Perſia from the Oppreſſion it now lies under. But the Sultan Eſref is the fartheſt in the World from any ſuch Intention, for he demands, as they ſay, That the Conqueſts made in Perſia by the Turks and Muſcovites may be reſtored, under Pretence that his Uncle Meriweys was owned Head of the Regency, not only by the Old Sophy, but alſo by the People, and that by Conſequence, the Kingdom ought not to be Subject to any Diſmembring; but on the contrary remain entire, and be reeſtabliſhed on the ancient Footing. The Pretentions, accompanied with Menaces, have ſo exaſperated the Porte, that they are reſolved to give Sultan Eſref no Quarter, unleſs he changes his Reſolution upon the Receipt of the Grand Vizier's Letter; and as there is no Appearance of this, Extraordinary Preparations are making to complete the Conqueſt of all Perſia. Juſt now 'tis reported that Prince Tahmas, the old Sophi's Son, has at laſt ſubmitted upon the Conditions ſtipulated by the Treaty concluded between the Porte and Ruſſia.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, May 3.

Madrid, April 22. On the 14th the Emperor's Ambaſſador C. Coningſeck, received a Courier from Vienna, with Diſpatches, as they ſay, relating to the Oſtend Company, the Suppreſſion whereof is demanded both by the Dutch, French and Engliſh. The D. of Wharton has been to ſee the Eſcurial, and the Palace of St. Ildefonſo: He appears in public with the Order of the Garter, which was conferred on him by the Pretender on the 3d of January laſt, whoſe Party he has openly eſpouſed.

Petersburg, April 16. The Czarina ſeems reſolv'd to extend the Commerce of her Subjects, not only to the principal Harbours of Europe, but alſo to the W. Indies, according to the Project of the late Czar her Husband.

London, May 3. The Hon. John Finch, 2d Brother to the Earl of Ayelsford, and Member of Parliament for Maidſtone in Kent, was married laſt Saturday to Mris. Savile, a Fortune of 70,0000 l.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, May 5.

YEſterday arrived the Mails from France and Flanders. Advices from Petersburg relate, That the Conferences which are held at that Court with the Emperor's Ambaſſador, to which the Swediſh Miniſters are admitted, are kept ſo ſecret that there is no Poſſibility of penetrating into the Affairs treated among them: However, 'tis the general Opinion that they tend to the retaking Holſtein from

from the Danes, and that for this End, they are endeavouring to get the Aſſiſtance of the Swedes. But on the contrary, there will be ſuch a Junction of the Fleet of G. Britain with that of Denmark, that ſhould the Muſcovites venture to put their ſaid Deſigns in Execution, we do not know what Account they may afterwards give of their Armado; it may be ſuch, as perhaps will hereafter eaſe G. Britain of the heavy Charge of ſending a Fleet to the Baltick.

No Power can pretend to render themſelves formidable to Great Britain, tho' 'tis ſaid the King of Spain is ſtiff to an Accommodation; That the Emperor continues ſtill reſolved to ſupport the Oſtend Company; That the Poles ſtill refuſe to give the Satisfaction demanded in behalf of our Proteſtant Brethren. S. S. Stock 102, 1 half. Annuities 95 1 half. York Buildings 17 1 half. New Lottery Tickets 10 Shillings Diſcount.

On Thurſday laſt came on the Court of King's Bench, A great Trial between the Duke of Buckingham, and John Ward of Hackney Eſq; The Duke, Dutcheſs, and ſeveral Lords and Gentlemen were preſent: There were five Councils on a Side, and after a hearing of above 12 Hours, it was given againſt the latter. There is a Talk of Forgery and other black Articles.

Yeſterday the Lords ordered the Judges to prepare and bring in a Bill, to declare and ſettle the Rights and Intereſts of Executors to the Eſtates of Teſtators. Ordered the Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arreſts to be read a 2d Time next Monday, and the Judges to attend, and Council for and againſt the ſame to be read. The L. Chancellor and L. Townſhend ſpoke for the ſaid Bill.

The Commons ordered a Bill to be brought in, purſuant to their Reſolution of laſt Tueſday, for the Relief of the Suitors in Chancery, and read a ſecond Time the Bill for encouraging the Greenland Trade.

Captain Eyre has been tryed at the Aſſizes for the King's County in Ireland, for killing Charles Armſtrong Eſq; and was acquitted.

This Day the Commons read a Petition from the City of Glaſgow, praying to be heard againſt the Bill for Relief of Mr. Campbell, which was ordered accordingly. Deferred Hambden's Bill to Saturday. In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for more effectually preventing Bribery and Corruptions in Elections of Members of Parliament: The Penalties therein are, that whoever takes a Bribe for his Vote, ſhall forfeit 50 l. and be uncapable of voting in any Elections for the future; and whoever has taken a Bribe, and ſhall diſcover any other Perſon brib'd, they ſhall keep the Bribe-money, and his Qualification to vote.

The Lords heard 3 Petitions in relation to the River Don, and heard Council for and againſt the Bill, and afterwards committed it for Friday.

Katharine Hayes and Thomas Billings are to be executed on Monday, for the Murder of Mr. Hayes; as alſo 3 others for the deteſtable Sin of Sodomy, and 3 for the High Way.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, May 3.

London, May 5. On Saturday laſt Sir Archibald Grant Baronet, Knight of the Shire for Aberdeen, was Married to Mris. Potts, a Derby Shire young Lady of a conſiderable Fortune.

Edinburgh, May 10. On Thurſday laſt his Majeſty's Letter to the General Aſſembly was read, the Tenor whereof follows.

GEORGE R.

RIght Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. The many Proofs We have received of your Zeal and Affection for Our Perſon and Government, of your Care and Concern for the Peace and Welfare of the Church, for the ſuppreſſing of Prophaneneſs and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery; have induced Us moſt willingly to approve your preſent Meeting, and to countenance the ſame with Our Royal Authority: Not doubting, but you come together with the ſame good Diſpoſitions you have formerly ſhown in ſo eminent a Manner, and with a Reſolution to do all that in you lies towards promoting the deſireable Ends and Purpoſes before mentioned, in the doing of which you may be well aſſured of Our Protection and Aſſiſtance; being always ready to contribute to ſo pious a Work, and which ſo nearly concerns the Honour of God, the Peace and Quiet of Our Government, and the Welfare of Our Subjects.

As We are firmly reſolved to maintain the Eſtabliſhed Government of the Church in that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges; We doubt not, but you, on your Part, will conduct your ſelves with that Moderation and Unanimity in all your Debates and Councils, and with that Prudence in all your Proceedings, which become ſo venerable an Aſſembly, and which will further intitle you to Our Royal Favour.

We have again made Choice of Our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Couſin and Councellor Hugh Earl of Lowdon to repreſent our Royal Perſon in

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this preſent Aſſembly; not doubting but the Experience you have had of his great Knowledge and Capacity, as well as his Zeal for Our Service, and Adherence to the Principles of the Church of Scotland, and Concern for its Proſperity, will make him acceptable to you. And ſo We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of April 1726, in the 12th Year of Our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command.

HOLLES. NEWCASTLE.

After which, his Grace the Commiſſioner gave in to the Aſſembly the King's Warrant for 1000 L. ſterl. as of his Royal Bounty for this 2d Year, for encouraging Itinerant Preachers, Catechiſts, &c.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[¶] ALEXANDER BAYNE, *Profeſſor of the Municipal Law*, hereby gives Notice to the Gentlemen who are ſtudying under his Care, That he is to commence his *Examinatory College* (God willing) upon the firſt Monday of the next Month.

¶¶ The Lands of EASTER-LIVILANDS, of about L. 900 yearly Rent, having a convenient little Houſe, lying in the Pariſh of St. Ninian's, near Stirling; are to be expoſed to Sale by way of Roup, by the Truſtees for Hugh Paterſon Chirurgeon in Edinburgh and his Creditors, upon Wedneſday the 8th Day of June next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon. The Particulars of the Rental and Progreſs of the Rights, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of James Armour, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber near the Market croſs of Edinburgh.

[§] That the Roup and Sale of certain EQUIVALENT DEBENTURES, to the Amount of L. 1368 ſterl. of principal, with the Intereſt due thereupon from Michaelmaſs 1724, formerly advertiſed to have been within the Parliament-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 26th of April laſt, was adjourned to the 17th Inſtant: Upon which Day, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Roup and Sale of the ſaid Debentures, and Intereſt due thereupon, is to proceed the Parliament-houſe, before the Lord. Pancaitland, or the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time.

*** There will be publiſhed, immediately after Riſing of the enſuing General Aſſembly of this Church, A true Hiſtorical Relation of Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, Miniſter of Dyke, his Call and Admiſſion to the Vacancy in the Town of Aberdeen, in room of the Rev. Mr. Francis Melvil, Miniſter of the Goſpel: Wherein is ſet forth, 1, The Riſe of the Differences in Aberdeen concerning that Matter, which is now grown into a public Cauſe, and ſeems (juſtly) to have alarmed the whole Church of Scotland. 2, The Conduct of the ſeveral Church-judicators, particularly the *Commiſſion* herein. 3, The Conſequences which that Settlement will probably have in Aberdeen, and may ſerve to introduce elſewhere, if not remedy'd. 4, What the Radical Judicatories of the Church (the Supreme not excepted) may apprehend, with reſpect to their Intrinſick Power, from ſuch Inſtances, but more eſpecially this, if ſcruff'd over. As alſo, containing Mr. Chalmers's own Conduct, and the Part that the ſeveral Societies and Perſons more directly engag'd, have acted from firſt to laſt, for and againſt his Tranſportation, and from what known Influence. Together with the Characters of a few on both Sides, drawn chiefly from their Management, and the Methods they puſh'd their Deſigns by. Some proper Reflections, and uſeful Obſervations, are intermixed throughout. *Jer.* 23, xi. *Pſal.* 73. vi. *John* 9. i.

Fiſhery Office, 3d May, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale, at their Office, THIS DAY being the 10th Inſt. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. ſterl. each.

Five Lots, containing 80 dreſs'd Nets, at 30 ſh. ſterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undreſs'd ditto, at 15 ſh. each.

Utenſils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be ſet up at L. 9, 17, 8 ſterl.

Ditto for a Rope-band, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 17 10 ſh ſterl.

Ditto for a Barking-houſe, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 14, 16, 4 ſterl.

The above Goods will be ſhown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Alſo there will be expoſed to public Sale at the ſaid Office, and at the ſame Hour, 88 Laſts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, at 14 ſh. per Laſt.

Notice is alſo hereby given, That the Managers of the Fiſhing Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fiſhertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Pariſh of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 3 1 6th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Miniſters Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houſes in Stonehaven, and Fiſh Boats in the ſaid Town, belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Perſon who intends to bid for the above Purchaſe, may ſee the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

EDINBURGH: Printed for Mr. *William Rolland*, by Mr. *Thomas Ruddiman*. Sold at the Printing-houſe in Morocco's Cloſe in the Lawn-market; where Advertiſements and Subſcriptions are taken in, as alſo at the Shop of Mr. Alexander Symmer, Bookſeller in the Parliament-Cloſe.